

REMARKS

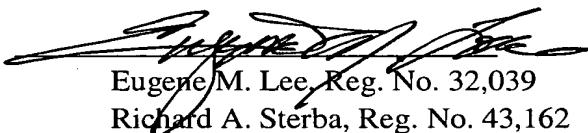
The claims of parent application Serial No. 09/949,853 were subject to a requirement for restriction as set forth in the Action mailed May 8, 2003. In response to that requirement, Applicants elected Claims 20-43 for prosecution in said parent application. Non-elected Claims 1-19 are presented for examination in this divisional application.

The accompanying text for the specification and claims has been presented in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the notice entitled "Pre-Grant Publication Helpful Hint" of September 12, 2001, authored by Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy Stephen G. Kunin. Specifically, the specification reflects changes identical to amendments presented and entered in the parent application; see specification page 12, paragraph [0037] antepenultimate line, where the phrase "of about 30 is heat-treated" has been amended to read "of about 30 Å is heat-treated".

Action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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